Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sub-division (h)—Is there any road leading from the other end of the bridge? 'Because' it is said that, 'the present site was in line with the existing Panchayat road and it is more convenient for the people of the locality.' Does the Panchayat road exist on both ends of the bridge?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Only on one side.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is there any poramboke pathway on the other?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There is a pathway but I do not know whether it is poramboke.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was this necessary if the work had been done on the original estimate?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes, deviation was necessary on account of the provision of an additional ventway.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was not the additional ventway necessary.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—That is answered.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What was the excess over the original estimate due to?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It was due to the 7 per cent excess according to the accepted tender—excess in the foundation work and the construction of an additional ventway. It was therefore clear that an additional ventway was found necessary.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Would it have been necessary if it was done at the original site?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I want notice.

Road from Chelakkara to Karukakkadavu or Kambakkadavu.

175. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the amount till now spent on the road from Chelakkara to Karukakkadavu or Kambakkadavu;

(2) what will be the cost of the whole work when completed;

(3) was a traffic or economic made;

(4) what are the benefits that are expected to accrue from the road and what will be the population in the area traversed by this road;

(5) is it not a fact that the P. W. D. Overseer of the Talappalli Taluk who is a native of Chelakkara and who has lands in the region traversed by the road contrived to make a road at Sirkar cost;

(6) was not a complaint to the above effect made before; if so, what was the result?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) Rs. 4,994—4—0.

(2) Rs. 15,750 according to the sanctioned estimate.

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(3) Investigations to decide the necessity for the road were made before sanctioning the proposal.

(4) When the 2nd section also is taken up the road will reach Karukakkadavu a place on southern bank of the Ponnani river which is near Vaniamkulam famous for its cattle market. No special census is taken of the localities served by the road.

(5) No. Mr. C. S. Subramania Ayyar who was for some time Overseer in Talappalli owns some land in the region traversed by the road and his estates also will share the benefit of the road.

(6) No such records are forthcoming.

Scheme for the working of the Department of Public Health.

176. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the present strength of Sanitary Inspectors in the Department of the Director of Public Health;

(2) whether the Director of Public Health has submitted any scheme for the working of his department;

(3) if so, whether they will be pleased to place a copy of his report on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Seven.

(2) Yes; a trial scheme, as a tentative measure.

(3) A copy of the report is placed on the table. (*Appendix IX*).

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what are the duties of the Sanitary Inspectors?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—To supervise the work of his subordinates and to carry out the orders that have been from time to time issued to him by the Departmental head.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what the work of his subordinates is?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sanitary works done by the maistries and vaccinators and bill collectors.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to tell me what is the approximate area served by each of the 7 Sanitary Inspectors that are now in service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It would be about 100 Square miles.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government think that one Inspector would be able to serve for this area?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the Government accepted this part of the report of Sanitaay Officer which says that there

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